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Andrea Ingram Appointed President & CEO of DuPage Children's Museum

Naperville, IL (October 18, 2019) – The Board of Directors of [DuPage Children's Museum](#) ("DCM") has named Andrea Ingram as President and CEO. She will assume her responsibilities on November 4, 2019.

Ingram brings a passion for lifelong learning and early childhood education to this role and extensive experience as a cultural institution thought leader, social service agency executive, and public policy advocate. She will join DuPage Children's Museum after serving for 13 years as Vice President of Education and Guest Services at the Museum of Science and Industry.

"The Board is thrilled to appoint Andrea to lead the Museum," said Mark Trembacki, Chairman of the DCM Board of Directors. "We want to thank retiring Museum President and CEO, Sarah Orleans, for all of her wonderful work. She leaves the Museum in a much stronger financial and operational position than when she arrived. As a result, Andrea and our immensely talented DCM staff have limitless potential ahead of them. We are excited to grow our programs and offerings to serve the vital need that hands-on play inspires in childhood development."

At the Museum of Science and Industry, Ingram was responsible for all aspects of the Museum's guest experience as well as impactful programs that inspire and motivate youth to become the next generation of innovators and scientists. During her tenure, she developed the nationally recognized "Welcome to Science Initiative," a \$10.5 million annual investment in science education designed to remove barriers that prevent underserved and underrepresented youth from achieving their full potential in science and engineering.

Previously, she served as Chief of Strategic Partnerships and Information for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services where she managed and built partnerships across communities and stakeholders and streamlined systems for children in state care to access the services and programs they need. Prior to DCFS, Ingram acted as Director of Budget and Tax Policy for Voices for Illinois Children, an organization that advocates for responsible public investment and policies that give Illinois' children and families the resources they need to live healthy, stable lives. Her prior experience also includes serving as a partner and business trial attorney at the law firm of Rosenblum, Parish & Issacs.

"I want to thank Mark and the Board for a thorough process. Sarah, the Board and DCM staff have established the DuPage Children's Museum as a remarkable enduring civic asset," said Andrea Ingram, incoming President and CEO. "Throughout my career-- from the Museum of Science and Industry to the Illinois DCFS and Voices for Illinois Children-- I have witnessed the

impact of that access to quality experiences and resources has on a child's development, especially in the early years. I am privileged to have been granted the opportunity to lead DCM as we seek to deepen and extend its impact on our communities. This is truly my dream job."

Ingram earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Davis and a Bachelor of Arts degree from The American University. She is a Board of Trustees member and past chair of Heartland Human Care Services.

DuPage Children's Museum engaged Kittleman & Associates to conduct a search for its new President & CEO. Kittleman & Associates is a national executive search firm that specializes in the recruitment of CEOs for tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, public charities and philanthropic organizations. For more information, visit www.kittlemansearch.com.

DuPage Children's Museum, a national leader for early learning, ignites the potential of all children to learn through hands-on exploration by integrating art, math, and science. The Museum welcomes over 300,000 visitors annually and offers world-class exhibits, innovative in-house and off-site school programs, a regional community access network, inspiring events, and a prestigious research collaborative. For more information, visit www.dupagechildrens.org

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